SOUTH PAMPLIN NEWS

Mrs. Viola Wayne, Miss Beulah Cobb, Mrs. Carlton Woodall, and Miss Linda Faye Jamerson visited Mrs. June Suddarth at Scottsville, Va. last Sunday, Oct. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ramsey and their children, Debbie, Kathy, and Douglas, of Farmville visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramsey Sunday P. M.

Mr. Edward Ramsey arrived a few days ago Among those to greet him besides his wife, Myra, and children, William, Donna Lee, and Stevy, his parents and sisters, was little Michael James, only three weeks old. Edward belongs to the U. S. Air Force and was stationed near Dallas, Texas. He will remain here the rest of this month, then will be transferred to the Philippine Islands.

Mr. James Fore, of Richmond, spent a few days this past week visiting relatives here and in Lynchburg. He was guest Monday and Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fore. Mrs. Eunice Baldwin and Mrs. Ester Fulcher called in the Fore home on Thursday night.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell were their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder and Carolyn Gay, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Rawton Layne, of near Charlotte C. H.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Oct. 10.- Mrs. W. M. Black and Miss Mary Rives Black visited relatives and friends at Lexington last Friday.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Bessie R. Wilkerson were Mrs. Alice Williams, of Michigan; Mrs. Robert Tolly, Mr. and Mrs. Ottie Davidson, of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell and son, Barry, and Mrs Willie Price.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson and Mrs. Clyde Dickerson visited relatives at Richmond Sunday.

Misses Dorothy Lee and Eleanor Richardson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday at their home here.

Mrs. T. J. Ligon, of Richmond, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. O. P. Farrar, of Prospect; Mrs. W. A. McDearmon, of Lynchburg, Mr and Mrs. W. B. Farrar, of Burkeville, and Mrs. Russell Cawthorne, of Bayside, Va., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farrar last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and daughter, Billy Starr, spent last Friday in Richmond.

Mrs. W. G. Garrett spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover, of Evergreen.

Mrs. E. L. Pankey spent Sunday with relatives in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I Dixon and Miss Ruth Dixon, of Lexington, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis Sunday.

TOBACCO GROWERS PAY FOR MISTAKES

Virginia tobacco growers have been paying for their mistakes.

G. R. Mathews, tobacco specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, says growers of all types of tobacco have had problems the past two years in producing enough good plants for early transplanting. Generally, failure to carry out one or more of the many important plant bed management practices has been the reason for the trouble.

Mathews says poor beds have resulted from: the use of undesirable plant bed sites; undeirable soils low in organic matter; soils wih a pH too high—often caused by continusous use of calcium cyanamide on the same bed for 3 or 4 years; seeding too early or too late; using too much or too little fertilizer; letting beds dry out at germination time; having plants too thick in the bed; failure to water in dry weather; failure to control insects and diseases; and the presence of weeds and grass.

Mathews says you can have better tobacco plants next spring if you will make your plant bed this fall.

A new bed in the woods on a sandy loam soil well supplied with organic matter, and near a source of clean water, is desirable.

This is especially true if you've been using the same bed for several years and have had trouble. Locate the bed on a southern or a southeastern slope if possible. Avoid using soils that tend to bake or "harden."

Prepare a good seed bed and treat for weed control if you are going to use chemicals. A copy of Circular 437, "Managing Your Tobacco Plant Bed," available from county agents, will be helpful. Cut trees and brush from around the bed.

Last year several poor plant beds checked by county agents and plant pathologists were found to have pH ranges from 6.5 to above 7. A high pH helps increase losses from black root rot. Some of the high pH beds were almost completely destroyed by this desease. Take soil tests on all old beds that did not produce well last year, unless you know that the condition of the soil had nothing to do with the problem. The test is also recommended on all beds that have been treated with calcium cynamide for three or more consecutive years. The continuous use of calcium cynamide will increase the pH to an undesirable level within 3 or 4 years. In all cases where the pH is found to be above 6.0, it will be better to use a new site. The higher the pH, the more important it is to move to a new site.

After the bed has been prepared for fertilizing and seeding in the winter, plow a trench around the upper side of the bed to prevent weed and grass seed from being washed onto the bed. This will also help keep heavy rains from washing fertilizer and tobacco seed into low places, causing uneven stands and fertilizer injury.

VERA S. C. A.

The Vera S. C. A. held its September meeting Friday, the 29th.

Allen Webb, the president, called the meeting to order. Donald Kanipe had the devotion.

After roll call and minutes, the committees reported.

A short program in song was given by Mrs. Gunter's room.

The ntxt meeting will be held on October 27.

—Reporter, Rosiland Reynolds.

METHODIST MEN TO HEAR REV. OMER BURNETT

The Rev. Mr. Omer Burnett will be the guest speaker for The Methodist Men of Memorial Church on Wednesday, October 18, when they meet at the church for supper at 6;45 P. M. "The Hidden Person" will be the topic he will discuss.

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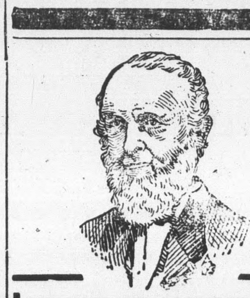

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